

# ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001

No.509/75/2004-JS-I(Vol.II)/RCC

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To

The Chief Electoral Officers  
of all States/UTs.

Sub: Supreme Court's order dated 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2004 relating to advertisements of political nature on TV Channel and cable networks – appointment of observers - clarification – regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's order No.509/75/2004/JS.I dated 15.04.2004 on the subject cited. As per para 7 of the said order, the Chief Electoral Officer of every State/Union Territory will constitute a higher level appellate Committee consisting of the following members to entertain complaints/grievances of any political party or candidate or any other person in regard to the decision to grant or refuse certification of an advertisement of political nature :

- i) The Chief Electoral Officer --Chairperson
- ii) Any Observer appointed by the Election Commission of India.
- iii) One expert to be co-opted by the Committee other than the one mentioned in paras 6(i) and (iii) of the above said order.

As regards the Observer mentioned at (ii) above, the Commission has decided that the Chief Electoral Officer may nominate any Election Observer who may be available at the State capital or any of the nearby districts with the prior approval of the Commission, for this purpose.

Yours faithfully,

(NARENDRA N. BUTOLIA)  
UNDER SECRETARY

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